

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING THE VOLUNTEERISM OF PUERTO RICO'S WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT LEADERS

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2022

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the selfless local leaders of Puerto Rico's Wounded Warrior Project and the contributions they make toward improving the lives of active-duty service members, veterans, and their families.

The Wounded Warrior Project was founded in 2003 with a unique, non-partisan mission: to support those who have born the cost of war, whether their injury be physical or mental. Nowhere are these services needed more than Puerto Rico, where servicemembers and veterans alike face extra hurdles to accessing the care they need to recover from the sacrifices they made on behalf of our country.

Despite these barriers, local leaders at the Wounded Warrior Project have led the way. Over the past year they have hosted 38 events for warriors and family members. This resulted in more than 385 engagements that helped heal, connect, and empower our post 9–11 veterans living in Puerto Rico. This past weekend they served their community again by holding an expo this Saturday that educated veterans on VA benefits, employment opportunities, and healthcare access. I want to thank the local peer support leaders and national staff who made this happen and who continue their selfless service to country and community.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2022

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today during the solemn occasion of National Police Week to recognize the law enforcement officers across our nation who lost their lives in the line of duty. Every day, police officers put on their badges and go into their communities to carry out their mission to protect and serve. Tragically, some do not return to their families at the end of the day.

This year, the names of 619 officers have been added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.—including four from Ohio. They are Toledo Police Officer Brandon Stalker, Cleveland Police Officer Shane Bartek, Hamilton County Deputy Sheriff Donald Gilreath, and Ohio Department of Natural Resources Officer Jason Lagore.

Their legacies will live on in the hearts of all Americans and at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial here in Washington, D.C. We are perpetually indebted to them for

their service, courage, and patriotism. Today and always, let us honor their memories and hold their loved ones close in our hearts and prayers.

HONORING THE 2022 UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY-BOUND STUDENTS

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2022

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today it is my great honor to come before my colleagues to recognize the distinguished young men and women of Texas' Third Congressional District who have accepted an appointment to one of our prestigious United States Service Academies. I congratulate these patriots as they prepare to undertake a mission of service and wish them great success as they meet the challenges set before them.

The United States Service Academies are widely known for seeking out candidates who excel academically, athletically, and civically, while exhibiting outstanding leadership qualities. Only a select few meet the stringent criteria set forth by these renowned institutions, and those students who ultimately receive an appointment benefit from the highest caliber of education and military officer training in the world. Therefore, I am confident these young leaders will represent Texas' Third Congressional District with honor as they are refined by the fire and pushed to the limits while they train to lead our Nation.

The years will come with challenges as they are equipped with the necessary tools to defend our democracy. But in the end, these young men and women will carry forth the same torch as countless generations before them have done—embodying the qualities of service before self, sacrifice, purpose and a life lived on mission.

It is with gratitude and hope that I thank these young men and women for their courage, conviction, and commitment to America. Now, as they embark on a new mission of service, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their commitment to excellence and their defense of liberty.

CLASS OF 2026 APPOINTMENTS

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Samuel Adler, Townview Science and Engineering*

Nicholas Blessing, Allen High School
Sara Compton, Rock Hill High School
Zion Martey, Memorial High School*
Ryan Rojas, Rock Hill High School
Samuel Wenaas, Liberty High School
Robert "Reese" Woertink, Plano East Senior High School; University of Texas at Dallas

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Xavier Ayala, Centennial High School
Matteo Bianchi, McKinney Boyd High School; Naval Academy Preparatory School
Tanner Call, McKinney High School*

Alyssa Clemovitz, Trinity Christian Academy

Valerie "Milan" Dao, John Paul II High School

Jonah Johnson, Lebanon Trail High School; Naval Academy Preparatory School
Samuel Morgan, St. Mark's School of Texas; University of Texas at Austin
Clyde Sherpell, Coram Deo Academy

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Benjamin Cox, Independence High School
Julian Delorme, Cistercian Preparatory School

Cole Gifford, Homeschool
Catriona Gilmore, Allen High School
Madeline Graham, Melissa High School,
Marion Military Institute Canyon Hall,
Wylie High School

Preston Halvorson, Wylie High School
Andrew Ho, Trinity Christian Academy;
Texas A&M University

Gikonyo Njendu, Plano West Senior High School

Ethan Reinhardt, Heritage High School
Michael Tallman, John Paul II High School

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Parker Hutchins, Lovejoy High School
*Denotes acceptance to one of the academy preparatory schools

SUMMER SHADE 150TH

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2022

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I stand today to honor and celebrate the 150th anniversary of the small town of Summer Shade, Kentucky in Metcalfe County.

Home to just a few hundred people in the southwestern corner of Metcalfe County, Summer Shade is known for its strong sense of community spirit. Its unique name is thought to be derived from the large trees that once protected the town from nearby wildlife.

With loyal, hard-working locals and a town full of character and tradition, Summer Shade is a prime example of the values that our state and country stand for.

A rural and close-knit community at heart, Summer Shade is marked by its beautiful land and caring citizens.

As this town commemorates 150 years of establishment, I want to thank the citizens of Summer Shade for their patriotism and community pride. I am honored to represent them in Congress, and fight for the values that we hold dear.

HONORING THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS OF WILLIAMS SCHOLAR ACADEMY

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 16, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the first graduating

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